

Current Data and Trends in Teen Pregnancy and Childbearing

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***Teen Pregnancy Prevention:
Evidence + Collaboration = Better Outcomes***

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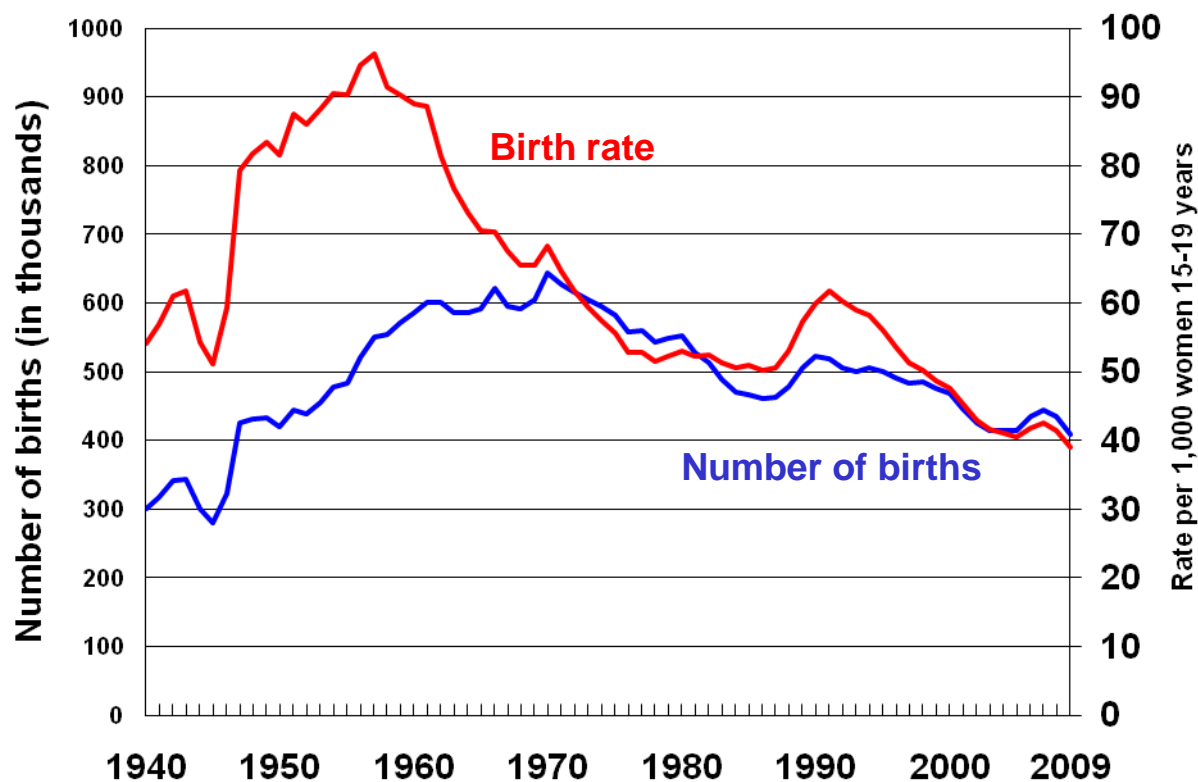
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Number of births and birth rate for teenagers 15-19 years: United States, 1940-2009

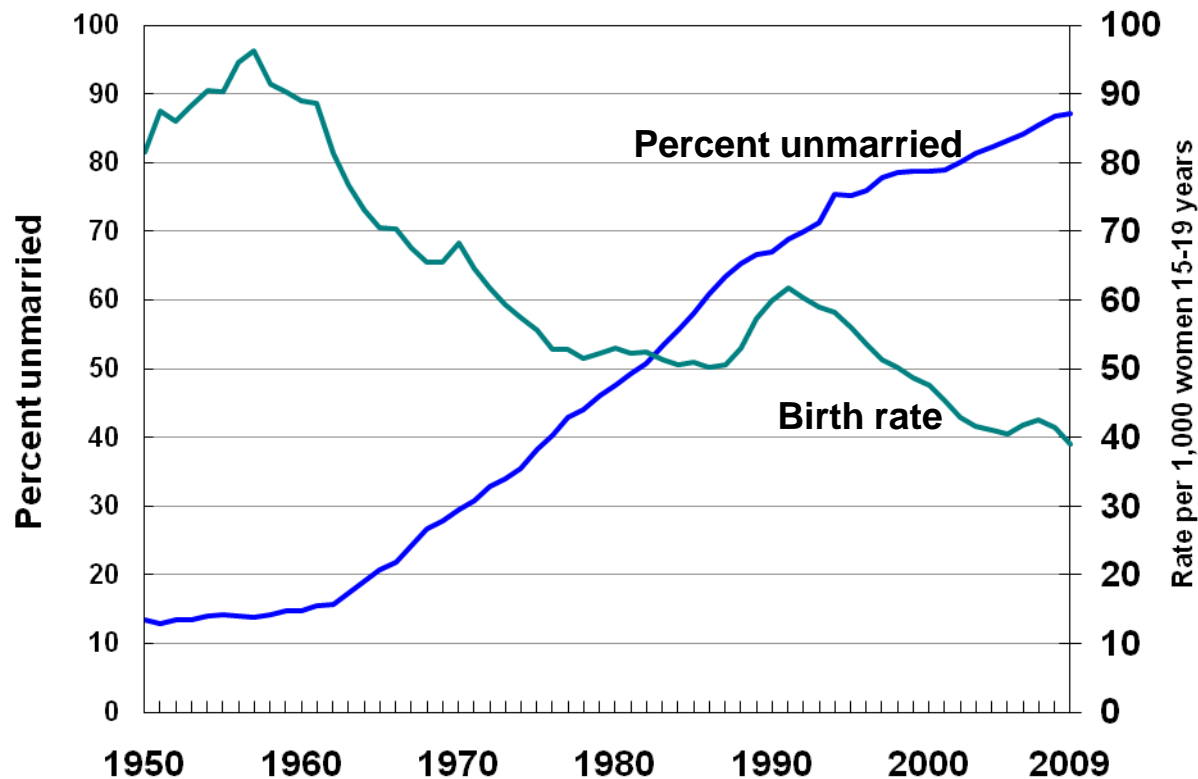


Highest rate:
96.3 in 1957
Lowest rate:
39.1 in 2009

NOTE: Data for 2009 are preliminary.

SOURCE: National Vital Statistics System, National Center for Health Statistics, CDC.

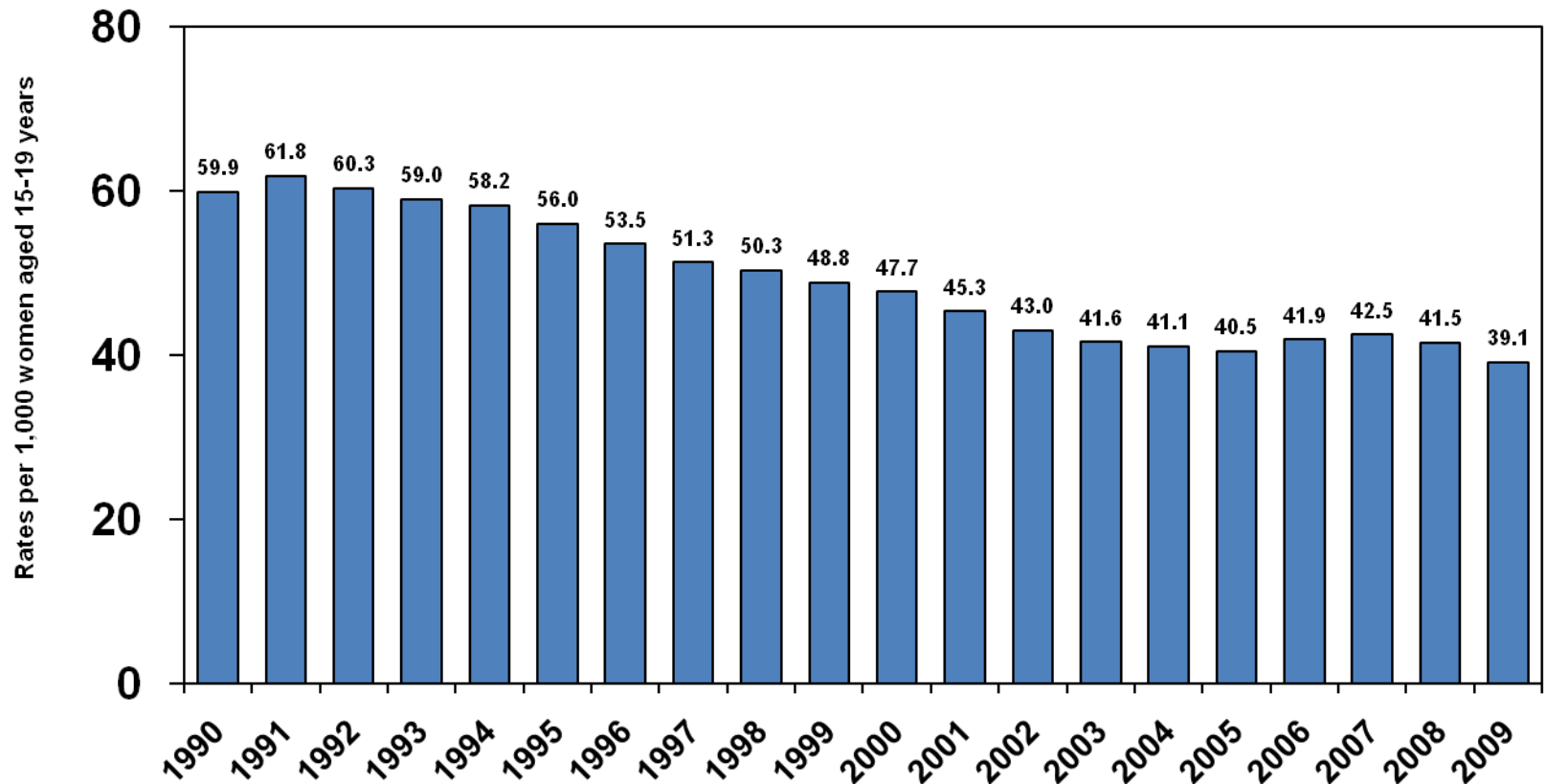
Birth rate for teenagers 15-19 years and percent of teenage births to unmarried teenagers: United States, 1950-2009



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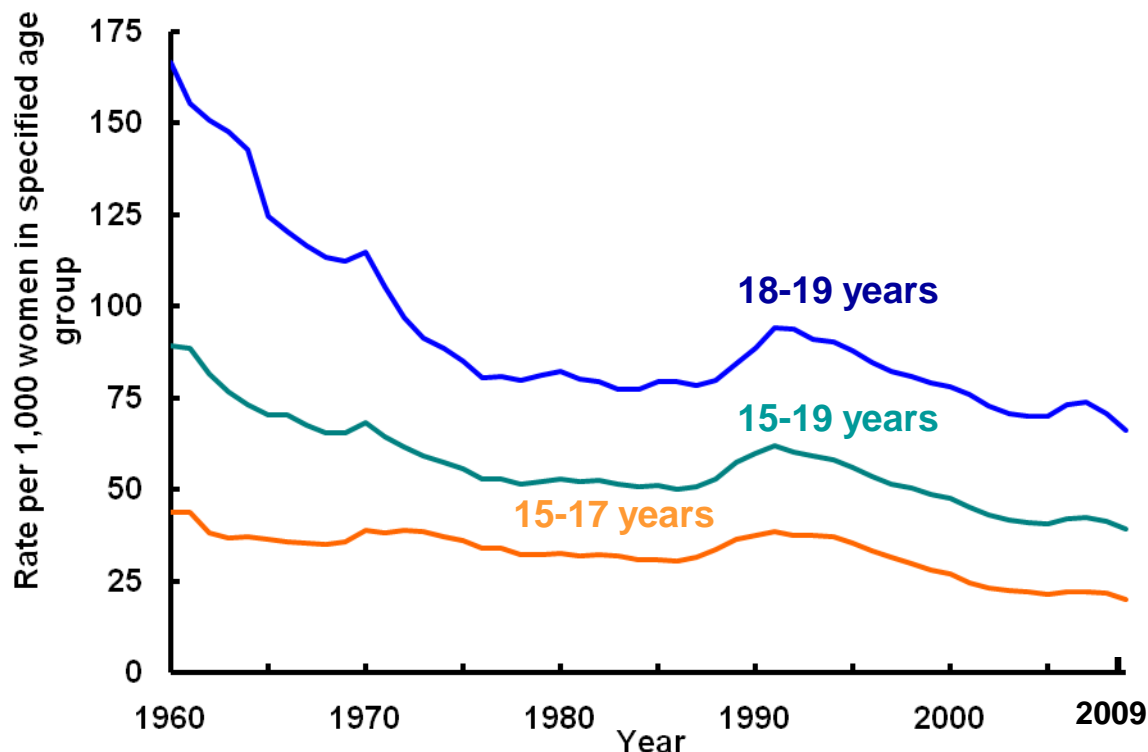
Birth rates for teenagers: United States, 1990-2009



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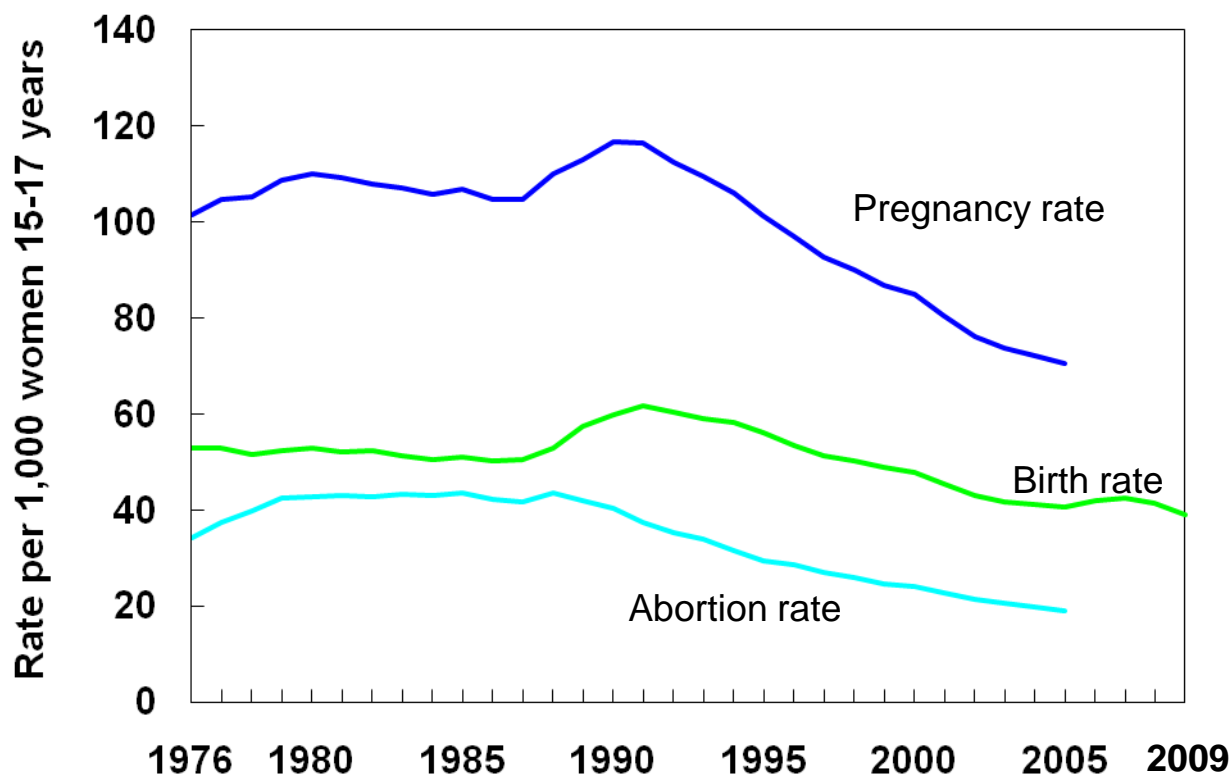
Teenage birth rates by age, United States, 1960-2009



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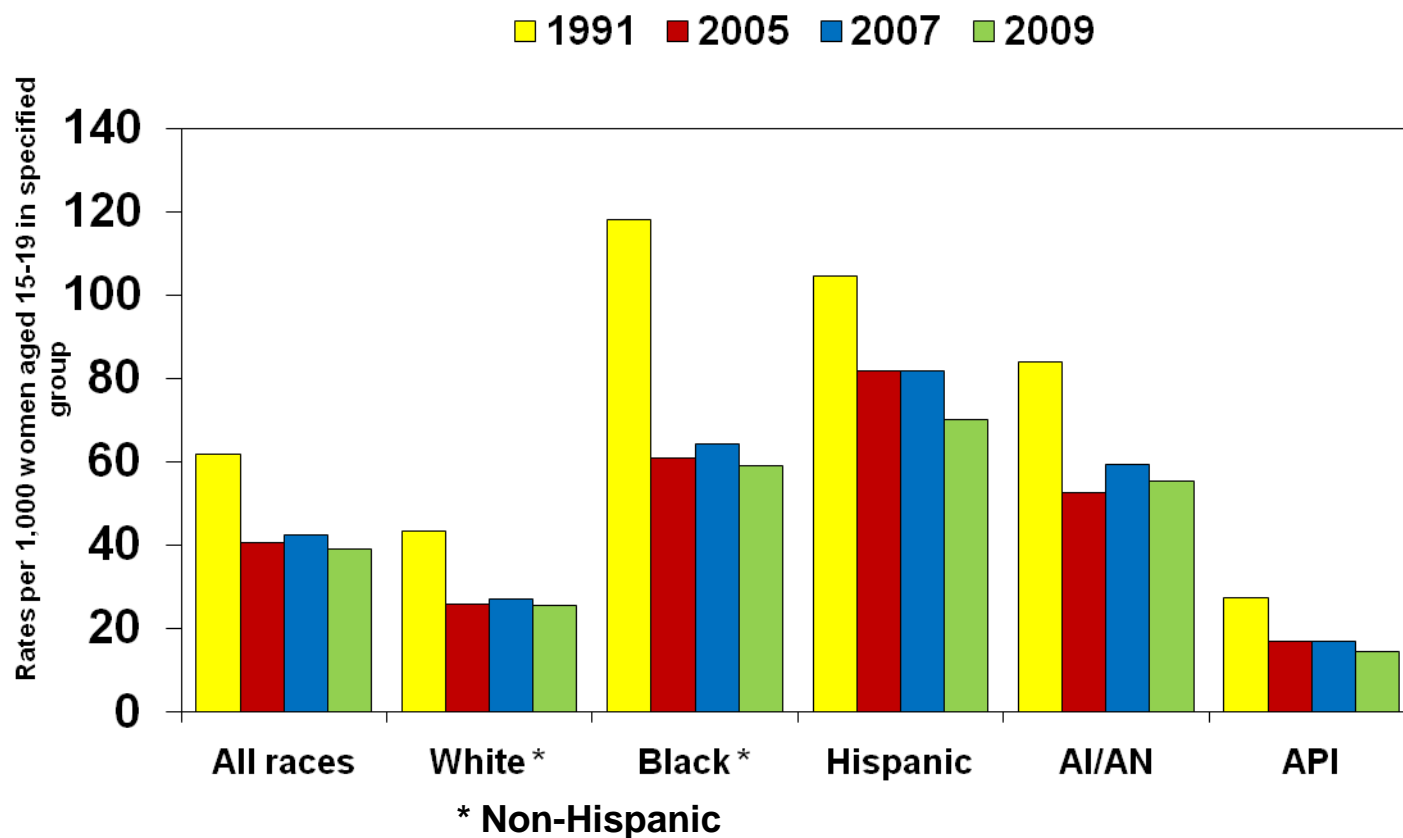
Pregnancy, birth and abortion rates for teenagers 15-19 years: United States



NOTE: Birth data for 2009 are preliminary.

SOURCE: Estimated pregnancy rates by outcome for the United States, 1990-2005. National Vital Statistics Reports, Vol. 58, no.4. 2009; National Vital Statistics System, National Center for Health Statistics, CDC.

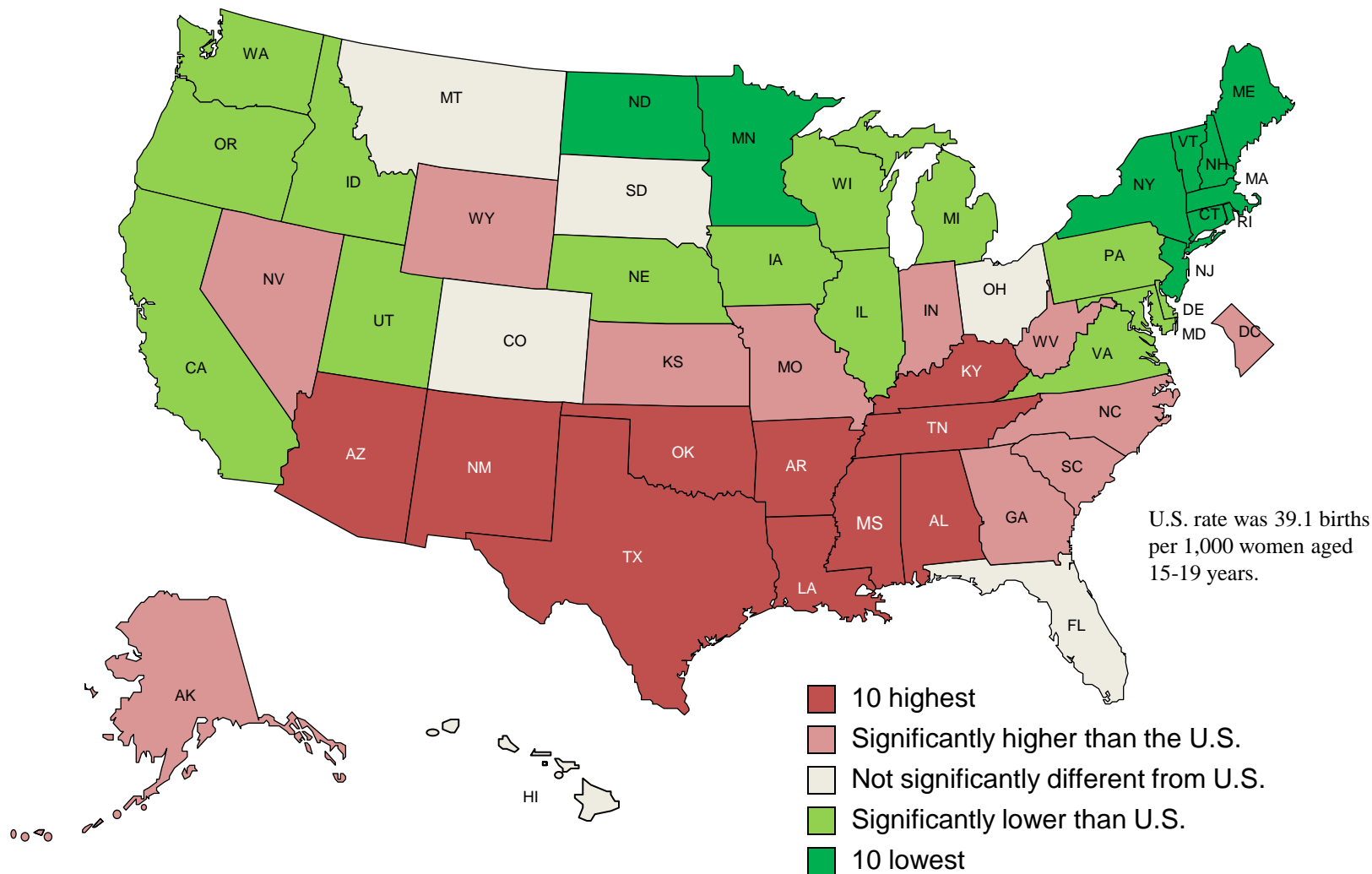
Birth rates for teenagers by race and Hispanic origin: U.S., 1991, 2005, 2007, and 2009



NOTE: Data for 2009 are preliminary.

SOURCE: Hamilton BE, et al. Births: Preliminary Data for 2009. National Vital Statistics Reports 59(3). 2010.

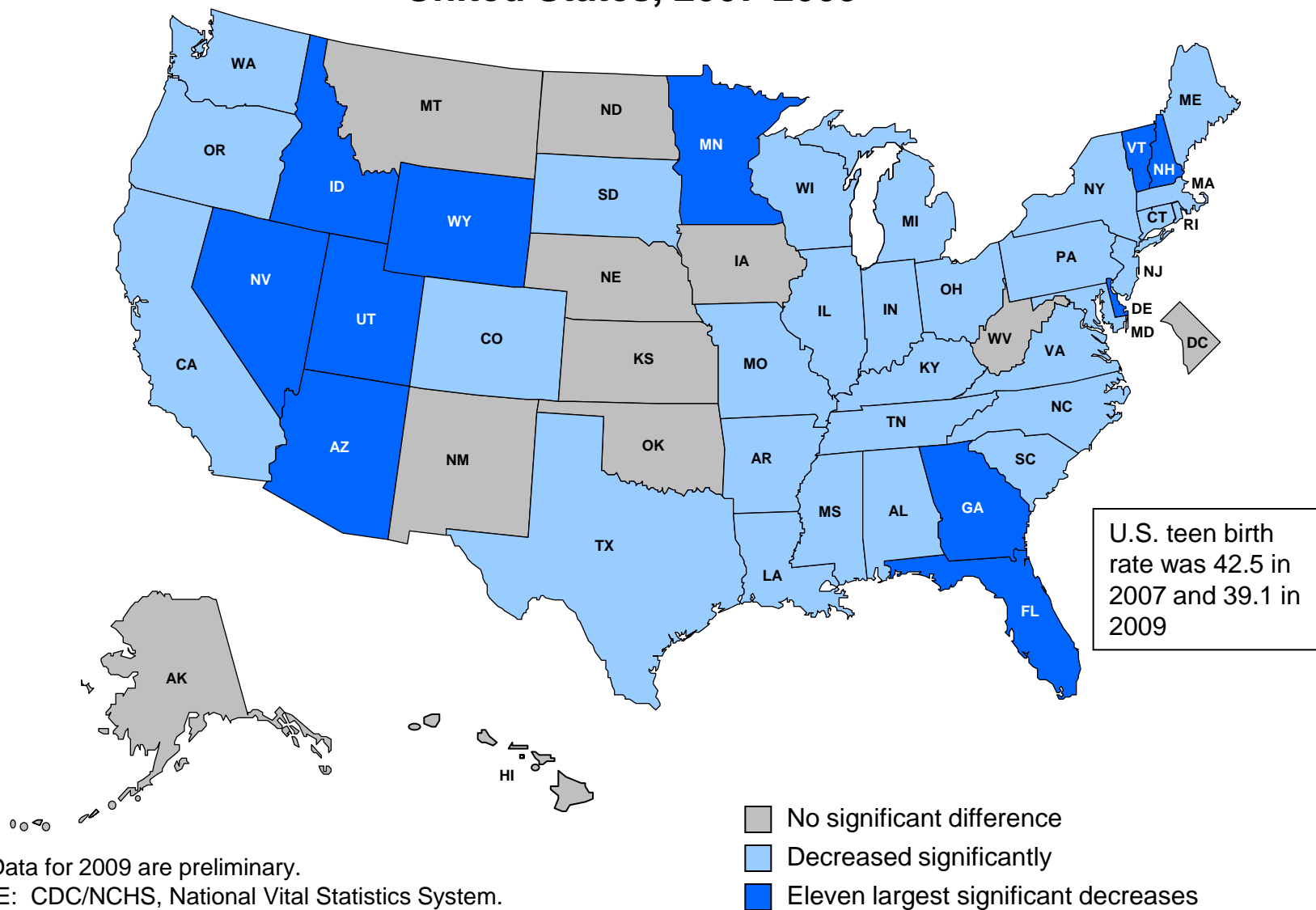
Teenage birth rates by state, 2009¹



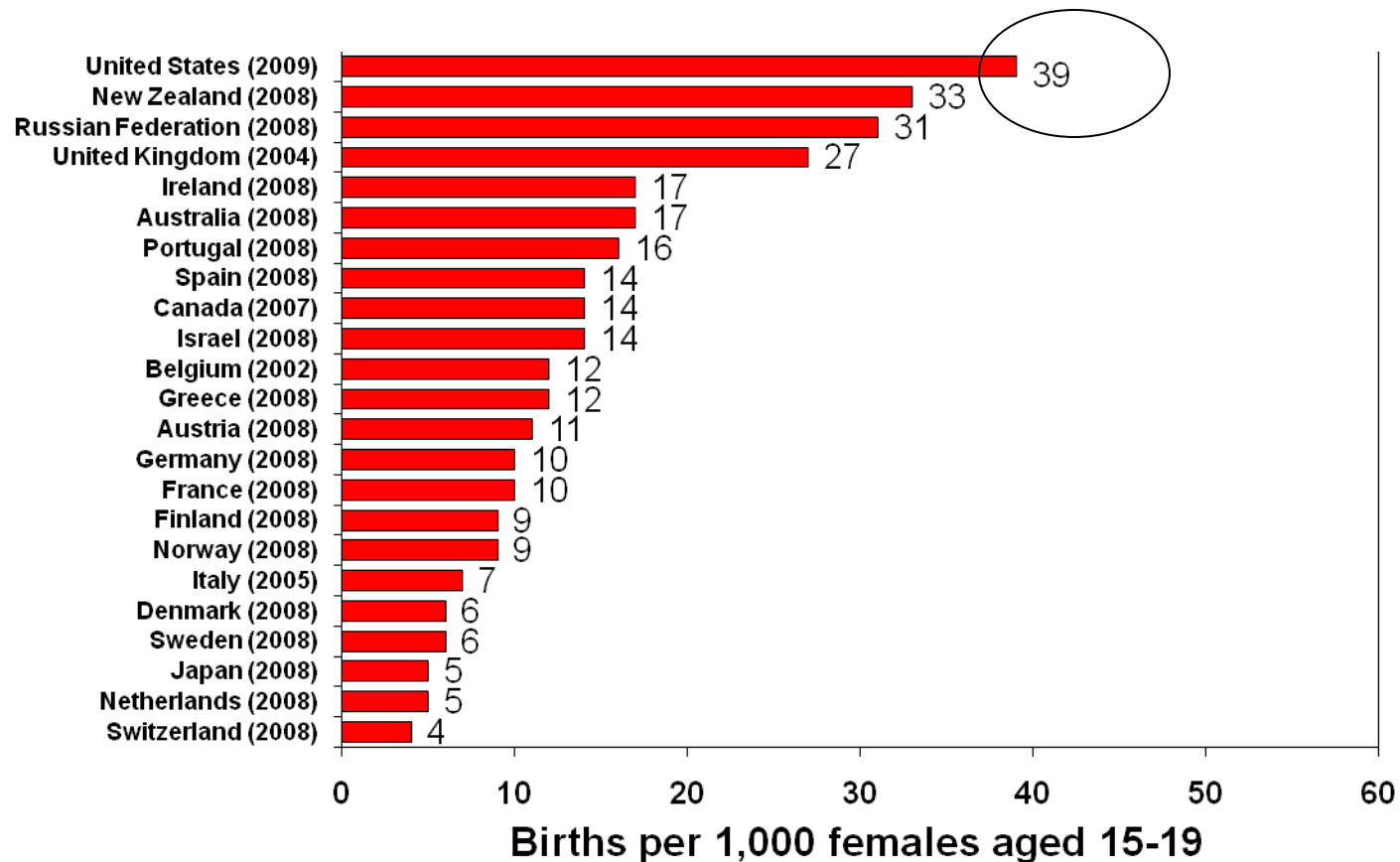
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Change in birth rate for women aged 15-19 years: United States, 2007-2009



Teen birth rates: Selected countries, latest year



SOURCE: Statistical Office, United Nations. 2008 Demographic Yearbook; CDC/NCHS, National Vital Statistics System

Possible factors behind recent trends in teen birth rates:

- **Sexual activity and contraceptive use stable from 2002 to 2006-08, based on the NSFG**
- **Increase use of condoms and dual methods**
- **Changes in attitudes towards childbearing**
- **Economic conditions**
- **Likely a combination of factors...Stay tuned for Fall release of 2006-2010 NSFG data!**

Thank you!

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